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**BREDBURY AND ROMILEY  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
(CHESHIRE)**



**MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH'S  
REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST DECEMBER 1956**





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(CHESHIRE)



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
for the year ended 31st December, 1956

*The Public Health Officers of the District are :*

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
T. W. BRINDLE, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
ROBERT WM. MUSK, M.S.I.A. (Retired 6th June, 1956)  
ALBERT H. S. LEWIS, M.S.I.A. (Appointed 1st June, 1956)

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
CHARLES BURNS, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A. (Resigned 2nd August, 1956).  
JOHN B. WILLIAMS, M.S.I.A. (Appointed 8th October, 1956).

*Members of the Public Health and Water Committee :*  
(As at 31st December, 1956)

G. KERSHAW, J.P., Chairman of the Council (ex Officio)

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W. LIDGETT	F. WALKER

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To the Chairman and Members of the Bredbury and Romiley  
Urban District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1956

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the health of the Urban District of Bredbury and Romiley for the year ended December 31st, 1956.

The population of the district continues to increase. Compared with 1955 there were 27 more births and there was an increased number of deaths. The infantile death rate and still birth rate were both satisfactory.



The Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, came into operation during the year and contain new standards of hygiene for food premises which in many ways are an advance on those which they replace. Already many improvements, notably to premises and equipment, have been secured. We must not, however, allow the dazzling brightness of the new chromium plated fittings and plastic working surfaces to blind us to the fact that a high proportion of food-borne disease is the result of faulty methods of food-handling, rather than of poor equipment and premises. Further progress in our Clean Food Campaign will depend largely on the success of our continued efforts to teach clean methods of food handling.

The Clean Air Act giving increased power for preventing air pollution was passed in July, 1956, and is now partly in operation. Although air pollution may be a more pressing problem in large industrial centres than in smaller urban areas, there is no room for complacency anywhere. Even in largely residential areas pollution of the air we breathe by domestic smoke is considerable in quantity and is at least as harmful to health as is pollution by industrial smoke. It is imperative that this Council shall take vigorous action and use the new powers fully. Education of the public will be essential to persuade them to accept all the necessary changes. The effort needed to secure clean air will be great and the cost heavy, but the resulting gain in public health will more than compensate.

At the beginning of the year the Minister of Health announced that a small amount of vaccine would be available to vaccinate against poliomyelitis children born between 1st January, 1947, and 31st December, 1954, where parents gave their consent. Because of the small supplies, only a small proportion of those registered were vaccinated before the end of the year. The vaccine used was a modified Salk vaccine containing killed virus of all three known types. Before issue it was subjected to stringent safety tests and evidence suggested that it might be expected to have a protective value of 80 per cent.

In August the Sanitary Inspectors (Change of Designation) Act, 1956, came into operation and from that date Sanitary Inspectors were to be known as Public Health Inspectors, a change to be welcomed because the new title gives a better description of their work.

I am indebted to the Senior Public Health Inspector, Mr. Lewis, for his help in preparing this report and especially C, D and E which deal with the duties normally undertaken by the Public Health Inspector.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council and Health Committee for their unfailing interest in the work of the Department and for their continued support, and the officers of the Council for their valuable help.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

T. W. BRINDLE, Medical Officer of Health.

## SECTION A

### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA—1956

#### Area in Acres :—

Bredbury South Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,426
Bredbury North Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	907
Romiley Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,290
Compstall Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	672

Total Acreage of Urban District	...	4,295
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Estimated population at mid-year, 1956	...	18,310
Rateable value, December, 1956	...	£181,810
Estimated Product of a Penny Rate	...	£725
Newhouses entered in rate book during 1956	...	44

(a) Births 1945-1956

Year	(estimated) Population to Mid-year	LIVE BIRTHS			STILL BIRTHS			Rate per 1,000 Live and Still births		
		Total	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Rate per 1000 pop	Total	Legitimate		Illegitimate	Rate per 1000 pop
1945	15,960	309	295	14	19.31	6	6	—	0.37	19.04
1946	16,780	307	290	17	18.30	13	13	—	0.77	40.62
1947	17,110	352	338	14	20.57	7	7	—	0.45	19.50
1948	17,420	265	260	5	15.21	8	7	—	0.45	28.30
1949	17,570	299	290	9	17.25	7	7	1	0.40	13.20
1950	17,800	244	239	5	13.7	6	5	1	0.34	24.0
1951	17,800	255	249	6	14.32	2	2	—	0.11	7.78
1952	17,630	228	220	8	12.93	7	7	—	0.39	29.78
1953	17,590	258	251	7	14.67	4	4	—	0.23	15.27
1954	17,990	236	231	5	13.12	4	4	—	0.22	16.66
1955	18,170	208	204	4	11.45	5	5	—	0.27	23.47
1956	18,310	235	231	4	12.83	5	5	—	0.27	20.833

ENGLAND AND WALES :—

LIVE BIRTH RATE  
Per 1,000 population :  
1955 ... 15.0  
1956 ... 15.7

STILL BIRTH RATE  
Per 1,000 Live and Still Births :  
1955 ... 23.1  
1956 ... 23

(b) Deaths 1945-1956

Year	Population (estimated) Mid-year	Total Deaths at all ages, all causes	Death Rate per 1,000 population	Total Infant Deaths	Infant Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Total Maternal Deaths
1945	15,960	192	12.03	11	57.61	—
1946	16,780	184	10.97	6	19.54	1
1947	17,110	208	12.16	13	20.98	—
1948	17,420	165	9.47	3	11.32	—
1949	17,570	207	11.21	7	23.10	—
1950	17,800	193	10.80	8	32.80	—
1951	17,800	249	13.98	6	23.52	—
1952	17,630	204	11.57	6	26.32	—
1953	17,590	186	10.57	5	19.38	—
1954	17,990	187	10.39	5	21.19	—
1955	18,170	183	10.07	3	14.42	—
1956	18,310	201	10.97	5	21.27	1

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ENGLAND AND WALES :—

Death Rate per 1,000 population ...	...	...	1955 ...	11.7
"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	...	...	1956 ...	11.7
Infant Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births ...	...	...	1955 ...	24.9
"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	...	...	1956 ...	23.8

# CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

No.	Cause of Death	1954		1955		1956	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory .....	1	...	—	...	1	...
2	Tuberculosis, other .....	—	...	2	...	—	...
3	Syphilitic Diseases .....	—	...	—	...	—	...
4	Diphtheria .....	—	...	—	...	—	...
5	Whooping Cough .....	—	...	—	...	—	...
6	Meningococcal Infections .....	—	...	—	...	—	...
7	Acute Poliomyelitis .....	—	...	—	...	—	...
8	Measles .....	—	...	—	...	—	...
9	Other Infective and, Parasitic Disease .....	—	...	1	...	—	...
10	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach .....	1	...	3	...	4	...
11	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus .....	3	...	—	...	1	...
12	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast .....	—	...	3	...	—	...
13	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus .....	—	...	2	...	—	...
14	Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms .....	7	...	9	...	9	...
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia .....	1	...	1	...	1	...
16	Diabetes .....	1	...	2	...	—	...
17	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System .....	10	...	15	...	16	...
18	Coronary Disease, Angina .....	18	...	9	...	14	...
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease .....	4	...	2	...	2	...
20	Other Heart Disease .....	18	...	13	...	8	...
21	Other Circulatory Disease .....	2	...	4	...	5	...
22	Influenza .....	—	...	2	...	1	...
23	Pneumonia .....	4	...	—	...	3	...
24	Bronchitis .....	13	...	8	...	9	...
25	Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	1	...	—	...	—	...
26	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum .....	3	...	—	...	2	...
27	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea .....	—	...	1	...	—	...
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis .....	—	...	2	...	1	...
29	Hyperplasia of prostate .....	2	...	—	...	3	...
30	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion .....	—	...	—	...	—	...
31	Congenital Malformations .....	—	...	—	...	2	...
32	Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases ...	8	...	7	...	6	...
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents .....	2	...	—	...	2	...
34	All Other Accidents .....	2	...	—	...	1	...
35	Suicide .....	—	...	—	...	—	...
36	Homicide and Operations of War .....	—	...	—	...	—	...
All Causes .....		101	86	99	84	91	110



## SECTION B

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

**Laboratory Facilities.** Examinations of Food, Milk, Water, Ice Cream and materials from patients, are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Hospital, Manchester (since 5th July, 1945). In addition bacteriological examinations are carried out when necessary at the Pathological Laboratory, Stepping Hill.

The following services are provided by the Local Health Authority and administered by the North East Cheshire Divisional Health Committee.

**Ambulance Facilities.** A 24-hour Ambulance Service is available, being provided by the Hyde Divisional Health Committee.

**Nursing in the Home.** There are three District Nurses in the Area who undertake general nursing and maternity work and two who practice midwifery only.

**Home Help Service.** Home Helps have assisted during the year in the following cases in the Bredbury and Romiley Urban District.

Miscellaneous Sickness .....	8
Confinement .....	14
Tuberculosis .....	—
Chronic Sick including aged and infirm	45
	—
Total ...	67
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**Infant Welfare Centres.** Sessions are held weekly at the Bredbury Centre, Lower Bents Lane; and at the Romiley Centre, Leyfield Avenue, Attendances during the year were as follows:—

Centre	New Cases		Total Attendances		
	0—1 year	1—5 years	0—1 year	1—2 years	2—5 years
Bredbury	112	—	1,763	387	355
Romiley	52	—	746	175	192

**Ante-Natal Clinics.** A Clinic session is held at the Bredbury Centre each week and attendances during the year are given below.

New Cases .....	134
Total Attendances .....	380

**School Clinic.** Held weekly at the Bredbury and Romiley Centres. The school dentist attends at the Dental Centre at the Bredbury Clinic.

**Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation.** Special Clinics are held for this purpose once a month at the Bredbury and Romiley Centres. In addition immunisation is carried out free of charge by general medical practitioners.

#### Services Provided by the Regional Hospital Board

**Hospitals.** There is no hospital within the Urban District, and patients from this area are admitted to hospitals in neighbouring districts. Maternity cases requiring hospital accommodation are also admitted to hospitals outside the area. Where necessary, infectious disease cases other than smallpox are admitted to the Stockport Isolation Hospital. Facilities for smallpox cases are provided at Ellswick Leys Smallpox Hospital, Lancashire, and at Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, near Bury.

**Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases.** Special Clinics for the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases are held at Great Egerton Street, Stockport.



# LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS AND BYE-LAWS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

## Bye-laws

1	Common Lodging Houses (None Existing)	Confirmed 11th October, 1886
2	Nuisances ... ..	„ 11th October, 1886
3	New Streets ... ..	„ 19th August, 1926
4	Recreation Grounds ... ..	„ 5th January 1922
5	Houses let in Lodgings ... ..	„ 24th January, 1934
6	Allotment Rules ... ..	„ 17th July, 1922
7	Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933 ...	„ 4th December, 1933
8	Food and Drugs Act, 1938 (Section 15)	„ 1st September, 1950
9	Buildings-Public Health Act, 1936 ...	„ 18th June, 1953
10	Local Government Act, 1933 (Section 249) For the Good Rule and Government of the Administrative County of Chester, made by Cheshire County Council with respect to the fouling of footpaths by dogs.	„ 14th August, 1954
11	Slaughter Houses ... ..	„ 11th October, 1956
12	Clean Air Act, 1956 (Section 24) ...	„ 12th July, 1956

## Acts

**Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890.** Adopted 25th November, 1896.  
Came into operation, 1st January, 1897.

**Local Government Act, 1894.** Order made by L.G.B. on 17th October, 1898, conferring on the Council the power of appointing future Assistant Overseers; powers, duties and liabilities of the Vestry in each parish; powers, etc., of Overseers; certain powers of a Parish Council not already vested in the Council, viz.:—Acquisition by agreement of rights of way, and powers of directing in what custody the books, writings, papers and documents of each Parish shall be deposited.

**Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899.**  
Adopted 31st January, 1900. Advances made.

**Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907.** L.G.B. issued orders on 27th September, 1909, declaring Parts II, III and V, Sections 52 to 66 inclusive, and Section 68 of Part IV and Sections 93 and 95 of Part X, to be in force in the district on and after 15th November, 1909.

**Public Health Act, 1925.** Part II (with the exception of Sections 21 and 22). Part III (except Section 44) and Part IV were adopted by the Council on the 24th May, 1926, and came into effect on the 14th July, 1926. The Minister gave his consent to the adoptions of Sections 21 and 22 and Part V with effect from the 2nd August, 1926.

## Provisional Orders.

- (1) For extending Bredbury, etc., 19th July, 1880. 13th September, 1902, Brinnington added to Bredbury.
- (2) (a) Land at Lower Bredbury for Sewage Disposal, 3rd July, 1894.  
(b) Land at Lower Bredbury for Pumping Station, 15th July, 1897.
- (3) The Tramways Order Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1900. (Bredbury and Romiley U.D.C. Tramways Order, 1900).

**County of Chester Review Order, 1936.** Part U.D. of Compstall added, to Bredbury and Romiley.

**Housing Act, 1949.** The Council make Advances, Guarantees and Improvement Grants under the provisions of this Act.

**Cheshire County Council Act, 1953.** The Act confers further powers on the Cheshire County Council and Local Authorities in the Administrative County of Chester, in relation to Lands and Highways and, the Local Government Improvement, Health and Finances of the County; to enact provisions with respect to Hairdressers' and Barbers' premises and Public Entertainment; to make further provision for the Superannuation of Employees; and for other purposes.

The main provisions of the Act came into force on 31st July, 1953. The Council, by Resolution, adopted Sections 70, 87, 115, 116, 132, 144, 145, 147(2), 148 and the powers contained in Sections 98 and 126(6) which came into operation on 1st December, 1954.

## **MORTUARIES**

There is a modern and well-equipped mortuary situated at the Highfield Cemetery.

## **SECTION C**

### **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA**

#### **WATER SUPPLY**

The Council is the Water Authority.

A bulk supply is obtained from the Stockport Corporation Water Department, from the Goyt, Kinder, Lyme Park and Longdendale sources.

There are no supplies by means of stand pipes. All supplies are direct to houses.

The water supply of the area and of its several parts has been mostly satisfactory: (a) in quality; (b) in quantity, although it was necessary at the beginning of the year following the dry spring to appeal for strict economy in the use of water

The supply from Longdendale enters the district from Haughton Green and serves only a small part of the area, mainly Mill Lane and Woodlands Housing Estates. Attention has been previously drawn to the fact that this water shows plumbo-solvency to an undesirable degree.

#### **Houses without Public Water Supply**

Bredbury District (Wells and Springs, etc.)	...	26
Romiley	" " "	9
Compstall	... ..	58

#### **Meteorological Information**

Total rainfall for year	...	33.66 inches
Maximum rainfall in 24 hours on 19th August		1.22 inches
The rainfall for 1954 was 38.46 and for 1955 it was 21.96 inches		
The rainfall for July and August, 1956, was abnormally heavy, 4.87 inches fell in July and 8.07 in August.		

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

**Refuse Collection.** During 1956 the refuse collection and disposal staff consisted of:—

3 Driver Loaders	1 Tip Man
1 Spare Driver Loader	1 Salvage Baler (Mechanical Press)
13 Loaders	

The vehicles in use in the Department consisted of one fore and aft tipping vehicle, capacity 16/18 cubic yards, two side loading vehicles, one of 10 cubic yard capacity and one of 6 cubic yard capacity, and a 6 cubic yard side loading vehicle as spare. In August, the spare vehicle was brought into use to deal with pail closets, ashpits, salvage and dustbins in isolated parts of the district. This action resulted in an improvement in the time taken to clear dustbins in the district but it was obvious that a larger vehicle was necessary and the Council placed an order for a second 16/18 cubic yard fore and aft tipping vehicle, adapted to deal with the refuse containers to be supplied to flats being built in the district by the Manchester Corporation. Delivery of this vehicle had not been made at the end of the year.

A considerable amount of overtime was worked by the refuse collection staff in an effort to provide a reasonable service to the public and the men are to be commended for their willing co-operation in carrying out their unpleasant but very necessary duties.

**Refuse Disposal.** Disposal of refuse is carried out by tipping on the Ashton Road site, Bredbury. The work was handicapped during the year by flooding of part of the site and a scheme for improving the drainage of the tip was in preparation at the end of the year.

The tip is treated regularly for rodent and insect pests and such infestation has been kept to small proportions.

**Salvage.** Weight of salvage collected during 1956 was:—

	tons	cwts.	qtrs.		£	s.	d.
Waste Paper .....	237	7	3	... ..	1,818	4	11
Rags, Carpets and Sacking, etc. ...	10	14	0	... ..	181	18	0
Scrap Metal .....	13	4	1	... ..	62	17	5
<b>Total for 1956 .....</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>... ..</b>	<b>£2,063</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

### Details of materials salvaged during last five years

	1952 tons price £	1953 tons price £	1954 tons price £	1955 tons price £	1956 tons price £
Paper .....	129 950	154½ 858	185 1203	204 1695	237 1818
Rags, Carpets, etc	6¼ 155	7½ 150	7 142	10¼ 184	10¾ 182
Scrap Metal .....	9 40	7 32	6½ 22	10½ 95	13¼ 63
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>144¼ 1145</b>	<b>169 1040</b>	<b>198½ 1367</b>	<b>224¾ 1974</b>	<b>261 2063</b>



## Petroleum (Regulations) Act, 1928 and 1936

Duties in connection with the storage of petroleum are carried out by the Health Department under the above Acts.

Number of licences issued to store petrol during 1956 ...	31
Total quantity of petrol covered by licences ...	71,000 galls.
Total amount of fees paid ... ..	£26 2 6

### HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION

Year	Loads	Ashpits	Ashbins	Pails	Cesspools
1947	2,478	937	124,774	10,128	20
1948	2,856	996	171,265	10,761	20
1949	3,005	949	152,826	10,266	19
1950	2,610	907	151,036	10,004	19
1951	2,887	1,065	154,234	9,967	19
1952	2,840	992	161,532	11,244	21
1953	2,905	559	166,845	11,599	17
1954	2,835	392	160,489	11,328	19
1955	2,899	411	178,364	11,571	17
1956	2,608	489	204,208	12,071	17

### SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public or privately owned swimming baths or pools in the district of Bredbury and Romiley. Residents of this area use the public baths in the neighbouring areas of Marple, Hyde and Stockport.

### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

1955				1956
6330	...	Flush Water Closets	...	6374
220	...	Waste Water Closets	...	219
220	...	Pail Closets	...	220
19	...	Wet Privies	...	19
16	...	Dry Ashpits	...	16
6358		Sanitary Ashbins	...	6402
26	...	Septic Tanks	...	27



## PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT

The sanitary accommodation of thirteen Public Halls, Cinemas, etc., was inspected, all complied with the regulations, and certificates were granted by the Council.

## SMOKE ABATEMENT

The Council are members of the National Smoke Abatement Society and the Manchester and District Regional Smoke Abatement Committee. The latter Committee comprises Local Authorities within a radius of 15 miles from Manchester.

During the year 20 observations were made of factory chimneys in the district. Where excessive smoke emission was found, the factory was visited by an officer of the Council for the purpose of warning and giving instruction with a view to abating the nuisance.

## RODENT CONTROL

The Council employs one Rodent Operative. All types of properties have been inspected during the year and treatments carried out where infestations were discovered.

The Council's refuse tip at Ashton Road and the sewage works were treated periodically. There were two sewer treatments and a 10% test during the year.

### Summary of Work Done in 1956

No. of Inspections carried out ...	Local Authority		Private		Business		Total
	83		312		182		577
No. of Treatments ...	Rats		Mice		Rats		Total
	9	...	—	30	...	25	
	12	...	6	82			

Warfarin has been used in all treatments other than sewers.  
Permanent baiting points are maintained at some premises.

### Sewer Treatments

Date	Number of Manholes	Number Infested
5-3-56	87 (10% Test)	12
9-4-56	153	16
3-9-56	196	8

### Agricultural Properties

21 farms were inspected.

## SECTION D

### HOUSING

#### 1 Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year

(1) (a)	Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health Act and, Housing Act) ...	191
(b)	Number of inspection made for the purposes ...	417
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling houses included in (1)(a) which were inspected, and recorded under Section 5, Housing Act, 1936 ...	40
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	48
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in such a state as to be unfit for human habitation ...	30
(4)	Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation ...	39

#### Remedy of Defects without service of Formal Notice

Number of houses rendered fit ...	14
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#### 2 Action under Statutory Power

(1)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16, Housing Act, 1936:—	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	1
(b)	Number of houses rendered fit after service of Formal Notice (including notices served prior to 1956)...	1
(2)	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 Housing Act, 1936	
(a)	Number of houses in respect of which demolition orders were made ...	3
(b)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders ...	1
(c)	Number of dwelling houses closed, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953, Section 10 ...	2
(3)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ...	6
(b)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notice (including notices served prior to 1956) ...	1

### HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Pre-war Houses (owned by Council) ...	613
House Subsidised 1923 Act, Private Enterprise ...	280
Advances made in respect of houses .....	—
Houses and flats built since 1945 (by Council) ...	820
Houses erected—Private Enterprise (since 1945) ...	244

## SECTION E

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

#### (1) Meat Inspection

There are six licensed slaughter houses in the Urban District. All animals slaughtered on these premises are inspected by the council's inspectors. Details are given in the following table.

Statistical Details of the work undertaken during the year as follows:

		Cattle Excluding Cows		Cows		Calves		Sheep and Lambs		Pigs
No. Inspected	.....	747	...	322	...	61	...	3991	...	195

#### No. Condemned All Diseases except Tuberculosis

Whole Carcases Condemned,	.....	—	...	—	...	—	...	—	...	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was Condemned		56	...	26	...	—	...	1	...	3
Percentage affected with disease other than T.B.	.....	3.61%	...	8.0%	...	—	...	.02%	..	1.53%

#### Tuberculosis only

Whole Carcases Condemned	.....	—	...	—	...	—	...	—	...	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was Condemned		29	...	59	...	—	...	—	...	7
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis		3.87%	...	18.3%	...	—	...	—	...	3.5%

#### Cysticercosis

Carcases of which some part or organ was Condemned		1	...	—	...	—	...	—	...	—
Carcases submitted to Treatment by Refrigeration		1	...	—	...	—	...	—	...	—
Generalised and totally Condemned		—	...	—	...	—	...	—	...	—

## (2) Food Inspection

During routine visits to Food Premises, quantities of meat and other foods were examined and found to be fit for human consumption.

The following foodstuffs were, however, condemned as being unfit for human food and accordingly voluntarily surrendered to the Inspector concerned:

Tinned Corned Beef	...	...	47 lbs.
„ Ham	...	...	96 lbs.
„ Milk	...	...	26 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
„ Cream	...	...	6 lbs.
„ Peaches	...	...	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
„ Apricots	...	...	1 lb.
„ Pears	...	...	37 lbs.
„ Peas	...	...	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
„ Pineapple	...	...	14 lbs.
„ Salmon	...	...	1 lb.
„ Stewed Steak	...	...	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
„ Tongue, Lambs	...	...	1 lb.
„ „ Ox	...	...	6 lbs.
„ Ham & Chicken	...	...	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
„ Veal	...	...	6 lbs.
„ Bacon	...	...	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
Raw Beef	...	...	125 lbs.
„ Mutton	...	...	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
White Flour	...	...	40 lbs.
Chopped Pork	...	...	4 lbs.
Boiled Ham	...	...	11 lbs.

## Food Poisoning

During the year 1 notification of Food Poisoning was received.

Total Cases	...	...	1
Number of unidentified cases	...	...	0
Cases due to identified agents	...	...	1

## Outbreaks

There were no outbreaks of food poisoning in the district in 1956.



**(3) Sampling for Adulterated Foods**

The Chief Inspector (Mr. Stacey Hallard) Weights and Measure Department, Cheshire County Council, reports on the number and types of samples obtained in the Urban District and submitted to the Public Analyst during the year ended 31st December, 1956, as follows :

**FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955**

**List of samples obtained during the year ending 31st December, 1956**

					Number of samples obtained.	Number of samples Reported against.	
Beetroot	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Cascara	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Cheese	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Cheese spread with tomato	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Chicken Fillets	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Jam, Raspberry	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Jelly	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Margarine	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Milk	...	...	...	22	...	...	1
Oatmeal, fine	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Rice	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Rice, creamed	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Sweets	...	...	...	1	...	...	
					—	—	
					34		2
					—	—	

**Details of samples reported against**

Sample No.	Article	Reported as	Action
3361	Jersey Milk	2.5% deficient in fat.	Cautioned.
3363	Rice	Contaminated with small pieces of stone equivalent to 0.1% by weight.	Cautioned.

**(4) Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream**

There are 45 premises registered for the sale or the storage of ice cream intended for sale within the district.

**MILK SUPPLY**

With the inception of the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944, on the 1st October, 1949, responsibility for the supervision of the production of milk was transferred from Local Authorities to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The distribution of milk continues to be supervised by the Local Authority's Officers.

At 31st December, 1956, there were 35 Milk Distributors and 2 Dairies other than Dairy Farms on our Registers.

Samples of milk were procured at the dairies and "in course of delivery" for bacteriological examinations and biological testing.

The following table gives details of the 39 samples taken during the year:

Methylene Blue Test		Turbidity Test		Phosphatase Test		Biological Test	
Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Positive	Negative
12	1	5	—	10	—	—	17

### Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949

The following Licences under the above Regulations were granted during the year:

#### DEALERS

Pasteurised,	...	...	...	...	...	13
Sterilised	...	...	...	...	...	25

#### SUPPLEMENTARY

Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	...	6
Pasteurised	...	...	...	...	5
Sterilised	...	...	...	...	5

## SECTION F

### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of Infectious Diseases notified during 1956 :

Disease	No.
Scarlet Fever ... ..	29
Small Pox ... ..	—
Diphtheria ... ..	—
Enteric (including Paratyphoid Fever) ... ..	—
Erysipelas ... ..	1
Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	—
Pneumonia ... ..	4
Cerebro Spinal Fever ... ..	—
Dysentery ... ..	1
Measles ... ..	8
Whooping Cough ... ..	29
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	—
Food Poisoning ... ..	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	—
Meningitis ... ..	—
Total ... ..	74

# ANALYSIS OF AGE PERIODS (ALL DISEASES - 1956)

Diseases	Total No.	under 1 yr.	1-2 years	3-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-24 years	25 and over	age unknown
Scarlet Fever .....	29	—	—	6	17	6	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	29	2	5	4	18	—	—	—	—
Measles .....	8	—	2	3	3	—	—	—	—
Ac. Poliomyelitis	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	67	2	7	13	39	6	—	—	—
Diseases	Total No.	under 5 years	5-14 years	15-44 years	45-64 years	65 and over	age unknown		
Pneumonia .....	4	—	—	1	3	—	—		
Food Poisoning ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—		
Erysipelas .....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—		
Dysentery .....	1	1	—	—	—	—	—		
Totals ...	7	2	—	1	4	—	—		

### Vaccination

Age at							Number Vaccinated
under 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
5-14	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
15 and over	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
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### Re-Vaccination

Age at							Number Vaccinated
under 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
5-14	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
15 and over	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
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### Diphtheria Immunisation

Age at							Number Immunised
under 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	101
5-14	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
15 and over	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
							<hr/> 157
Re-immunised	...	...	...	...	...	...	41

### Whooping Cough Immunisation

Age at							Number Immunised
under 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	84
5-14	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
15 and over	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
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### TUBERCULOSIS

#### (a) Cases on Register

	MALES				FEMALES				Total
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
Cases on Register 31st Dec., 1956	62	...	19	.....	50	...	30	...	161
Cases notified during 1956	7	...	1	.....	4	...	—	...	12
Cases added to Register other than by formal notification .....	2	...	—	.....	—	...	—	...	2
Totals ...	71	...	20	.....	54	...	30	...	175
Cases removed from Register during 1956	4	...	1	.....	4	...	2	...	11
Cases remaining on Register at 31st Dec., 1956	67	...	19	.....	50	...	28	...	164



(b) Particulars of persons removed from Register

	MALES				FEMALES				Total
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
Died .....	1	...	—	.....	—	...	—	...	1
Recovered ...	1	...	1	.....	—	...	—	...	2
Left District ...	1	...	—	.....	1	...	1	...	3
Lost sight of...	1	...	—	.....	3	...	1	...	5
Totals	4		1		4		2		11

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1956

Age Period	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	MALES		FEMALES		MALES		FEMALES	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
0— 1 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 „	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 „	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
25—35 „	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	1
35—45 „	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55 „	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
55—65 „	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Over 65 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals.....	7	1	4	—	1	—	—	1

Total Number of Cases on the Register at 31st December, 1956

	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary
Males .....	67	19
Females .....	50	28
Totals ...	117	47

# **FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948**

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

## **Part I of the Act**

1. **INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on register	Inspections	Number of Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .....	87	33	3	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .....	3	1	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	2	1	—	—
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>

## **Cases in which Defects were found**

No. of cases in which defects were found

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which proceedings were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Insp.	Referred by H.M. Insp.	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S2) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temp. (S3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate vent. (S4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6) .....	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) insufficient .....	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	3	2	—	1	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) .....	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>



